GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:315
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
MODERNISATION OF TELEPHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise the telephone services in the country during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the modernisation work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 315 FOR 13th AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF TELEPHONE SERVICES.

Modernisation is an ongoing process. The following steps are being taken at present to modernise telephone services.

(i) More and more New Technology Switches are being inducted in the network. It is planned to add 72.3 lakh Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) during 2001-2002. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

(ii) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system is being inducted both for Urban and Rural network to provide telephones to remote and inaccessible areas. In all, 833700 lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) is being inducted during 2001-2002State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

(iii) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahangar Telephone Nigam Limited(MTNL) have planned countrywide Cellular services. The 16 lakhs lines capacity is being built up during 2001-02. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

(iv) Replacement of remaining analogue exchanges by digital exchanges.

(v) In addition to the above, predominantly Optical Fibretechnology is being used to provide reliable communication media to the telephone exchanges in the country.

Funds provisionally allocated for Telephone Services, State-wise, during 2001-2002 are given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Name of the State	DELs Target	DELs from Rural WLL	DELs from Urban WLL	Cellular Mobile Phones	Funds Allocated (Rs. in Crores)
Andaman & Nicobar	10000	2000	0	300	20.07
Andhra Pradesh	530000	110000	19500	32000	1127.61
Assam	100000	16000	300	2200	207.22
Bihar	200000	40000	3900	7000	477.72
Jharkhand	82000	25500	3000	6000	225.38
Gujarat	650000	12000	18600	35000	1222.74
Haryana	245500	0	3900	8600	426.37
Himachal Pradesh	90000	4500	0	2400	219.10
J&K	80000	4000	900	2400	158.90
Karnataka	500000	11000	10500	23000	974.01
Kerala	663000	14000	12900	25000	1093.39
Madhya Pradesh	155000	12000	7800	6900	479.51
Chhatisgarh	40000	14000	3000	1800	176.37
Maharashtra+	950000	7000	64700	88000	2329.08
North East	53500	12000	300	600	222.62
Orissa	135000	17000	900	7400	388.41
Punjab	460000	0	15300	18000	851.71

Rajasthan	300000	7000	6900	10000	684.94
Tamil Nadu+	596000	6000	16500	26000	1127.69
Uttar Pradesh	625000	85000	20700	30200	1283.04
Uttaranchal	100000	9000	1500	4600	187.35
West Bengal+	465000	24000	9000	13100	981.10
Delhi	200000	-	34400	50000	800.00

+ - Tamil Nadu includes Chennai.
- Maharashtra includes Mumbai.
- West Bengal includes Kolkatta, Sikkim

- Figures for Mobile Phones - Bihar includes Jharkhand
-Madhya Pradesh includes Chhatisgarh
-Uttar Pradesh includes Uttaranchal

- North East includes NE-I- Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura
NE-II- Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur

- MTNL Delhi & Mumbai propose to provide cellular mobile phones subject to demand.